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LIFE AND WORK OF WRITER SYLVIA PLATH TO BE DRAMATIZED AT CONCORDIA

Sylvia Plath: A Dramatic Portrait will be presented as part of the Concordia University Light Entertainment Series on Tuesday February 22 at 8 p.m. in the Loyola Campus Chameleon Theatre, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W.

Colleen Curran will direct Irene Arsenault, Marcia Tratt, Debbie Astroff, Sandra McGlynn and Nancy Stewart in this "dramatized setting" of the work of Sylvia Plath conceived and adapted by Barry Kyle.

Through readings and biographical narration, the women will present a portrait of the American poet and author. Born in 1932, Sylvia Plath published four poetry collections Ariel, The Colossus, Crossing the Water and Winter Trees, and one novel, The Bell Jar prior to her suicide fifteen years ago.

Sylvia Plath: A Dramatic Portrait was first presented in 1973 by London's Royal Shakespeare Company. Its success in London brought it to New York in a production which moved Clive Barnes, the New York Times drama critic, to say: "Miss Plath has taught me about drama. Poetry is what drama is all about. It is the hard core of the dramatic experience... the clarity of words, the blend of personality, the variety of poetic experience."

Concordia English professor Kathy Waters will begin the evening presentation with an introductory talk on Sylvia Plath. Tickets at $2, $1 for students and senior citizens, will be available at the door. For further information call 482-0320, ext. 346.

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